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The Budget

It is time to draw the line and stand up for the people. I will not support a budget resolution that raises taxes while we are coming out of a recession. I will veto any tax bill that does this. And I will veto spending bills that rekindle the fires of inflation and high interest rates.

- Presidential Press Conference, May 17, 1983.

Civil Rights

My belief has always been ... that wherever in this land any individual's constitutional rights are being unjustly denied, it is the obligation of the federal government, (at) a point of bayonet if necessary, to restore that individual's Constitutional rights.

- Presidential Press Conference, May 17, 1983.

Cuban Americans

About 10 million people still live in Cuba, as compared to about 1 million Cuban Americans, people with the same traditions and cultural heritage; yet the Cubans in the United States ... produce about two times the wealth they left behind. So don't let anyone fool you, what's happening in Cuba is not a failure of the Cuban people, it's a failure of Fidel Castro and of communism.

- Cuban Independence Day Celebration, May 20, 1983.

Deficits

The root cause of deficits is runaway government. Yet, most of the deficit-reduction proposals I have seen would simply raise taxes and balloon spending. When you clear away the rhetoric, the issue is quite simple: deficits are the symptom; the disease is uncontrolled spending; and the cause is an addiction to big government.

- Remarks to the National Association of Home Builders, May 16, 1983.

Economic Recovery

Send away the handwringers and the doubting Thomases and bring on the capitalists and entrepreneurs. Once again, free enterprise is breathing life into our economy and we will not tolerate a return to the old ways of profligate spending and taxing that threatened to snuff it out.

- Remarks to the National Association of Home Builders, May 16, 1983.

Education

One of the things that's wrong with the school system ... is that for 10 percent or less of the funding, the federal government has wanted about 50 percent of a voice in dictating to the schools.

- Presidential Press Conference, May 17, 1983.

Education Funding

In spite of all those stories you may have been hearing about spending cutbacks, total expenditures in the Nation's public schools this year ... are expected to reach \$116.9 billion. That's up nearly 7 percent from last year alone and more than double what it was just 10 years ago. So, if money alone was the answer, the problem would have been shrinking rather than growing for the last 10 years.

- Seton Hall University Commencement, May 21, 1983.

Totalitarianism

Leaders of totalitarian states, however great the danger that they pose to the rest of mankind, are aware of the shakiness of their rule and the fragility of their claims of legitimacy. And that's why they seek to stifle dissent. And that's why we must never stand by in silence as they do.

- Ceremony honoring Andrei Sakharov, May 18, 1983.